

Judging A “Legal Ram” 3/4 Curl

- When a straight line extending from the front base of the horn through any portion of the eye opening intercepts any portion of the horn, the ram is legal. If the horn is not long enough to be intercepted by the line, the ram is not legal.
- Base of the horn shall be considered as the point where the horn meets the hairline of the head. See illustration below.
- Determination of a legal ram should be made from a broadside view of the head.
- Successful applicants for bighorn sheep should contact the department if they need the Montana Guide to Bighorn Sheep.



Bighorn Sheep HD Regulations

Residents are eligible to apply for any of the following licenses. Nonresidents are restricted to certain districts. Nonresidents are limited to, but not guaranteed 10 percent of a region's quota. **Districts where nonresidents may apply are listed on the moose, bighorn sheep, mountain goat nonresident application, but may change when final quotas are set in June.**

- 100-00: 2 licenses.
- Sep 05 - Sep 14 – Either-sex Bighorn Sheep. Archery Only Season.
 - Sep 15 - Nov 27 – Either-sex Bighorn Sheep.

HD 100

- HD 101
- CLOSED.

- 102-00: 1 license.
- Sep 05 - Sep 14 – Either-sex Bighorn Sheep. Archery Only Season.
 - Sep 15 - Nov 27 – Either-sex Bighorn Sheep.

HD 102

- 121-00: 10 licenses.
- Sep 05 - Sep 14 – Either-sex Bighorn Sheep. Archery Only Season.
 - Sep 15 - Nov 27 – Either-sex Bighorn Sheep.

HD 121

- 121-30: 5 licenses.
- Sep 05 - Sep 14 – Adult Ewe Bighorn Sheep. Archery Only Season.
 - Sep 15 - Nov 27 – Adult Ewe Bighorn Sheep.

HD 122

- 122-00: 6 licenses.
- Sep 05 - Sep 14 – Either-sex Bighorn Sheep. Archery Only Season.
 - Sep 15 - Nov 27 – Either-sex Bighorn Sheep.

- 122-30: 8 licenses.
- Sep 05 - Sep 14 – Adult Ewe Bighorn Sheep. Archery Only Season.
 - Sep 15 - Nov 27 – Adult Ewe Bighorn Sheep.

HD 123

- 123-00: 4 licenses.
- Sep 05 - Sep 14 – Either-sex Bighorn Sheep. Archery Only Season.
 - Sep 15 - Nov 27 – Either-sex Bighorn Sheep.

- 123-30: 1 license.
- Sep 05 - Sep 14 – Adult Ewe Bighorn Sheep. Archery Only Season.
 - Sep 15 - Nov 27 – Adult Ewe Bighorn Sheep.

124-00: 8 licenses.

- Sep 05 - Sep 14 – Either-sex Bighorn Sheep. Archery Only Season.
 - Sep 15 - Nov 27 – Either-sex Bighorn Sheep.
- 124-30: 1 license.
- Sep 05 - Sep 14 – Adult Ewe Bighorn Sheep. Archery Only Season.
 - Sep 15 - Nov 27 – Adult Ewe Bighorn Sheep.

HD 124

203-00: 5 licenses.

- Sep 05 - Sep 14 – Either-sex Bighorn Sheep. Archery Only Season.
 - Sep 15 - Nov 27 – Either-sex Bighorn Sheep.
- 203-30: 4 licenses.
- Sep 05 - Sep 14 – Adult Ewe Bighorn Sheep. Archery Only Season.
 - Sep 15 - Nov 27 – Adult Ewe Bighorn Sheep.

HD 203

- HD 210
- CLOSED.

HD 212

Note: Bighorn Sheep numbers have been reduced and are uncertain due to recent disease die-off event.

212-00: 1 license.

- Sep 05 - Sep 14 – Either-sex Bighorn Sheep. Archery Only Season.
- Sep 15 - Nov 27 – Either-sex Bighorn Sheep.

HD 213

- HD 216
- CLOSED.

HD 250

250-00: 2 licenses. Valid in portion of HD south of Nez Perce Rd and West Fork Rd.

- Sep 05 - Sep 14 – Either-sex Bighorn Sheep. Archery Only Season.
 - Sep 15 - Nov 27 – Either-sex Bighorn Sheep.
- 250-10: 1 license.
- Sep 05 - Sep 14 – Legal ram Bighorn Sheep. Archery Only Season.
 - Sep 15 - Nov 27 – Legal ram Bighorn Sheep.

HD 261

261-00: 5 licenses.

- Sep 05 - Sep 14 – Either-sex Bighorn Sheep. Archery Only Season.
- Sep 15 - Nov 27 – Either-sex Bighorn Sheep.

HD 270

Note: Bighorn Sheep numbers reduced due to recent disease die-off event.

270-00: 2 licenses.

- Sep 05 - Sep 14 – Either-sex Bighorn Sheep. Archery Only Season.
- Sep 15 - Nov 27 – Either-sex Bighorn Sheep.

HD 283

- CLOSED.

HD 300

Unlimited Bighorn Sheep License. Purchase or apply by May 2.

300-20: Unlim licenses.

- Sep 01 - Sep 10 – Legal ram Bighorn Sheep. Harvest quota = 2.*

**Any person harvesting a Bighorn Sheep in this Hunting District must personally call the Harvest Reporting Line at 1-877-FWP-WILD (397-9453) within 48 hours of the kill. For Quota Status call 1-800-385-7826.*

HD 301

301-10: 5 licenses.

- Sep 15 - Nov 27 – Any Ram Bighorn Sheep.

HD 302

302-00: 2 licenses.

- Sep 05 - Sep 14 – Either-sex Bighorn Sheep. Archery Only Season.
- Sep 15 - Oct 31 – Either-sex Bighorn Sheep.

----- HD 303 -----

Unlimited Bighorn Sheep License. Purchase or apply by May 2.

303-20: Unlim licenses. Deckard Flats-Eagle Crk portion of HD 303 as posted, subject to closure to all hunting on 24-hour notice.

- Sep 15 - Oct 31 – Legal ram Bighorn Sheep. Harvest quota = 2.*

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----- HD 304 -----

304-00: 1 license.

- Sep 01 - Nov 27 – Either-sex Bighorn Sheep.

----- HD 305 -----

305-10: 1 license.

- Sep 05 - Sep 14 – Legal ram Bighorn Sheep. Archery Only Season.
- Sep 15 - Oct 31 – Legal ram Bighorn Sheep.

----- HD 315 -----

315-00: 2 licenses.

- Sep 05 - Sep 14 – Either-sex Bighorn Sheep. Archery Only Season.
- Sep 15 - Nov 27 – Either-sex Bighorn Sheep.

----- HD 340 -----

– CLOSED.

----- HD 380 -----

– CLOSED.

----- HD 381 -----

– CLOSED.

----- HD 421 -----

421-00: 2 licenses.

- Sep 05 - Sep 14 – Either-sex Bighorn Sheep. Archery Only Season.
- Sep 15 - Nov 27 – Either-sex Bighorn Sheep.

----- HD 422 -----

422-00: 9 licenses.

- Sep 05 - Sep 14 – Either-sex Bighorn Sheep. Archery Only Season.
- Sep 15 - Nov 27 – Either-sex Bighorn Sheep.

422-30: 25 licenses.

- Sep 05 - Sep 14 – Adult Ewe Bighorn Sheep. Archery Only Season.
- Sep 15 - Nov 01 – Adult Ewe Bighorn Sheep.

----- HD 423 -----

423-00: 5 licenses.

- Sep 05 - Sep 14 – Either-sex Bighorn Sheep. Archery Only Season.
- Sep 15 - Nov 27 – Either-sex Bighorn Sheep.

423-30: 10 licenses.

- Sep 05 - Sep 14 – Adult Ewe Bighorn Sheep. Archery Only Season.
- Sep 15 - Nov 01 – Adult Ewe Bighorn Sheep.

----- HD 424 -----

424-00: 6 licenses.

- Sep 05 - Sep 14 – Either-sex Bighorn Sheep. Archery Only Season.
- Sep 15 - Nov 27 – Either-sex Bighorn Sheep.

424-30: 15 licenses.

- Sep 05 - Sep 14 – Adult Ewe Bighorn Sheep. Archery Only Season.
- Sep 15 - Nov 01 – Adult Ewe Bighorn Sheep.

----- HD 441 -----

441-00: 5 licenses.

- Sep 05 - Sep 14 – Either-sex Bighorn Sheep. Archery Only Season.
- Sep 15 - Nov 27 – Either-sex Bighorn Sheep.

----- HD 455 -----

455-00: 1 license.

- Sep 05 - Sep 14 – Either-sex Bighorn Sheep. Archery Only Season.
- Sep 15 - Nov 27 – Either-sex Bighorn Sheep.

----- HD 482 -----

482-00: 20 licenses.

- Sep 05 - Sep 14 – Either-sex Bighorn Sheep. Archery Only Season.
- Sep 15 - Nov 27 – Either-sex Bighorn Sheep.

482-30: 15 licenses. Valid west of DY Trail.

- Sep 05 - Sep 14 – Adult Ewe Bighorn Sheep. Archery Only Season.
- Sep 15 - Nov 27 – Adult Ewe Bighorn Sheep.

482-31: 5 licenses. Valid east of DY Trail.

- Sep 05 - Sep 14 – Adult Ewe Bighorn Sheep. Archery Only Season.
- Sep 15 - Nov 27 – Adult Ewe Bighorn Sheep.

----- HD 500 -----

Unlimited Bighorn Sheep License. Purchase or apply by May 2.

500-20: Unlim licenses.

- Sep 15 - Nov 27 – Legal ram Bighorn Sheep. Harvest quota = 2.*

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----- HD 501 -----

Unlimited Bighorn Sheep License. Purchase or apply by May 2.

501-20: Unlim licenses.

- Sep 15 - Nov 27 – Legal ram Bighorn Sheep. Harvest quota = 3.*

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----- HD 502 -----

Unlimited Bighorn Sheep License. Purchase or apply by May 2.

502-20: Unlim licenses.

- Sep 15 - Nov 27 – Legal ram Bighorn Sheep. Harvest quota = 2.*

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----- HD 503 -----

503-00: 3 licenses.

- Sep 05 - Sep 14 – Either-sex Bighorn Sheep. Archery Only Season.
- Sep 15 - Nov 27 – Either-sex Bighorn Sheep.

----- HD 620 -----

680-00: 25 licenses. Valid in HDs 620 and 680. Majority of bighorn sheep occur in Breaks along the Missouri River.

- Sep 05 - Sep 14 – Either-sex Bighorn Sheep. Archery Only Season.
- Sep 15 - Nov 27 – Either-sex Bighorn Sheep.

----- HD 622 -----

622-00: 7 licenses. Majority of bighorn sheep occur in Mickey-Brandon Buttes area and Iron Stake Ridge area.

- Sep 05 - Sep 14 – Either-sex Bighorn Sheep. Archery Only Season.
- Sep 15 - Nov 27 – Either-sex Bighorn Sheep.

622-30: 1 license. Valid west of Timber Creek.

- Sep 05 - Sep 14 – Adult Ewe Bighorn Sheep. Archery Only Season.
- Sep 15 - Nov 27 – Adult Ewe Bighorn Sheep.

----- HD 680 -----

680-00: 25 licenses. Valid in HDs 620 and 680. Majority of bighorn sheep occur in Breaks along the Missouri River.

- Sep 05 - Sep 14 – Either-sex Bighorn Sheep. Archery Only Season.
- Sep 15 - Nov 27 – Either-sex Bighorn Sheep.

680-30: 30 licenses. Only valid east of the Stafford Ferry (Lloyd) Rd. Majority of bighorn sheep occur in Breaks along the Missouri River.

- Sep 05 - Sep 14 – Adult Ewe Bighorn Sheep. Archery Only Season.
- Sep 15 - Nov 27 – Adult Ewe Bighorn Sheep.

680-31: 30 licenses. Only valid west of the Stafford Ferry (Lloyd) Rd. Majority of bighorn sheep occur in Breaks along the Missouri River.

- Sep 05 - Sep 14 – Adult Ewe Bighorn Sheep. Archery Only Season.
- Sep 15 - Nov 27 – Adult Ewe Bighorn Sheep.